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Dear Mr. Benson;

Please accept this letter for public comment on the tax credit program administered by MSHDA. The MDVPTB has administered state and federal funding to local domestic violence programs for over 25 years. As a government organization advocating for low income and homeless survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault we know the need for affordable housing is very important. In developing the state of Michigan's Plan for the tax credit program, we recommend the following points:

- 1. Thirty percent of the annual tax credit authority be set-aside to develop housing for the homeless and/or special needs population, and
- 2. That 10% of the units in all developments be targeted to incomes at or below 30% area median income (AMI) for those who are homeless and/or have special needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this important resource.

Sincerely,

Debi Cain Executive Director



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